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SUBJ: 54 TH ECOSOC -- SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (ITEM 17 A AND B)

1. TWELVE DELS SPOKE ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (CSD). CRITICAL COMMENTS WERE DIRECTED AT THE SECT BECAUSE OF 1) LACK OF PREPARATION FOR THE MEETING; 2) THE REORGANIZATION OF ESA; 3) THE INADEQUATE WORK PROGRAM; AND 4) TIMING OF THE NEXT CSD SESSION.

2. THE TWO DRAFT RESES ON THE FAR- REACHING CHANGES PASSED BY CSD WERE ALSO COMMENTED ON AT SOME LENGTH. SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS, WHICH WOULD END THE IMPASSE, WERE PUT FORTH. THE FINNISH DEL SUGGESTED MERGING THE TWO WHILE THE UK, COSPONSOR OF ONE OF THE RESES, SUGGESTED THAT THE COUNCIL CONSIDER RETURNING BOTH RESES TO THE COMMISSION TO RESOLVE. THE USSR, COSPONSOR OF THE SECOND DRAFT RES, ARGUED IN FAVOR OF COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR ITS VERSION.

3. THE UNIFIED APPROACH (UA) WAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY ALL DELS. THE SWEDISH DEL LIMITED HIS SPEECH SOLELY TO THE UA STATING THAT EMPHASIS ON GNP GROWTH IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPMENT PHILOSOPHY OF THE 1960 S HAD NOT WORKED. HE RECOMMENDED THE UA AS A DEVELOPMENT TOOL TO ASSIST THE ECONOMIC GROWTH THEORY. HE SAID THAT ECONOMIC GROWTH ALONE DOES NOT WORK BUT FELT THAT ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COULD REINFORCE EACH OTHER PARTICULARLY AT THE OPERATIONAL LEVEL WHERE SUCH PROBLEMS AS ENVIRONMENT, EMPLOYMENT, FAMILY PLANNING, NUTRITION, HEALTH, REDISTRIBUTION OF INCOME COULD BE AMELIORATED. HE ENCOURAGED FURTHER RESEARCH AND THE SELECTION OF METHODS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE UA AS A DEVELOPMENT TOOL TO ASSIST ECONOMIC GROWTH.

4. THE JAPANESE DEL ALSO STRESSED THE UA AS A STRATEGY FOR ALLEVIATING MASS POVERTY. HE STATED THAT THE UA WAS NOT A PANACEA BUT AN ATTEMPT TO INVOLVE EVERY HUMAN RESOURCE IN DEVELOPMENT ON BOTH THE LOCAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS. IN A REFERENCE TO AN SYG REPORT ON THE ECAFE REGION HE CITED THE CHINESE INST AS A POSSIBLE MODEL FOR EFFECTING CHANGE. BUT ALSO SUGGESTED THAT ALL COUNTRIES, DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING, MAY HAVE MODELS OF CHANGE WHICH COULD BE USED IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO PRODUCE SOCIAL REFORM.

5. REVIEW AND APPRAISAL WAS DISCUSSED BY DELS AS AN IMPORTANT TOOL FOR MEASURING CHANGE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. A MAJOR CONCERN OF DELS WAS THE TIMING OF CSD MEETINGS TO SYNCHRONIZE WITH THE MID- TERM REVIEW AND APPRAISAL MEETING. RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDED RESCHEDULING THE CSD MEETINGS TO MEET EVEN YEARS BEGINNING WITH 1974 OR HIDING SESSIONS EARLY IN 1975 THUS ASSURING CSD IN- PUT INTO THE REVIEW AND APPRAISAL MACHINERY.

6. AMONG ITEMS RECOMMENDED DURING THE SESSION WAS THE UK PROPOSAL THAT THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND THE CSD BE MERGED.

7. ITEM 17(B). FOLLOWING A REPORT BY THE SECT, THE POLISH DEL ENCOURAGED ESTABLISHMENT OF COOPERATIVES AS DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS WHICH LEAD TO POPULAR PARTICIPATION. THE DEL SAID THAT COOPERATIVES MAY CONTRIBUTE CONSIDERABLY TO INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. HE CITED THE GREEN REVOLUTION AS HAVING LITTLE IMPACT ON MODERNIZATION WITHOUT SOCIAL

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AND ECONOMIC CHANGES AND REFORMS AND EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT COOPERATIVES COULD HELP IN EFFECTING SUCH CHANGES. THE POLISH DEL CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT THE POLISH GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO ASSIST COUNTRIES IN ESTABLISHING COOPERATIVES.

8. INDIA ALSO SUPPORTED THE CREATION OF COOPERATIVES AS IMPORTANT INSTITUTIONS IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. THE INDIAN DEL GAVE A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT IN HIS COUNTRY. HE CONCLUDED BY REQUESTING THAT MORE INFORMATION WAS NEEDED ABOUT THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CREDIT UNIONS BEFORE IT WAS ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP IN COPAC. BOTH DELS (POLISH AND INDIAN) PRAISED THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY THE SECT IN COLLECTING DATA FOR THE INTERIM REPORT UNDER

DISCUSSION AND REQUESTED THAT A COMPLETED STUDY BE PRESENTED
TO ECOSOC IN 1975.

9. IT WAS RECOMMENDED AND ACCEPTED BY THE COMITE THAT THE
GROUP OF 77 ATTEMPT TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF
THE 2 FAR- REACHING CHANGES RESES.
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